Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

~~**Patent Claims**~~

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for blocking and adjusting the inclination of fittings, in particular for adjusting the inclination with respect to each other of two components situated on a vehicle seat, such as a seat part and a backrest part, ~~having~~ comprising a first fitting part ~~(1)~~ which has a ~~latching toothing~~ latch tooth ~~(1a),~~ ~~and~~ a ~~latching~~ latch element ~~(2) which has~~ having a mating ~~latching toothing~~ latch tooth ~~(2a)~~, the ~~latching toothing~~ latch tooth ~~(1a)~~ and the mating ~~latching toothing~~ latch tooth ~~(2a)~~ being able to be brought into engagement and being able to be arrested in the engagement position by means of a clamping element ~~(3)~~ which is under the force of a spring ~~(5)~~, acts on the latching element ~~(2)~~ and is movable counter to the force of the spring ~~(5) via adjusting means, characterized in that~~ the clamping element ~~(3)~~ ~~has~~ comprising a toothing ~~(3b) in which~~ coupled to a ~~mating toothing (4a) situated on~~ a toothed element ~~(4)~~ comprising a mating toothing ~~engages~~, the force of the spring ~~(5)~~ acting on the toothed element ~~(4)~~ and acting indirectly on the clamping element ~~(3)~~ via the toothing ~~(3b)~~ and mating toothing ~~(4a)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring ~~(5)~~ forms a constructional unit (E) with the toothed element ~~(4)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the first fitting part ~~(1)~~, the latching element ~~(2)~~, the clamping element ~~(3)~~ and the toothed element ~~(4)~~ can be pivoted relative to one another about respective pivot axes (X1, X2, X3, X4) ~~preferably~~ wherein the respective pivot axes being arranged parallel to one another.

4. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3, characterized in that~~ wherein the spring ~~(5)~~ is designed as a torsion spring.

5. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 4, characterized in that~~ wherein the spring ~~(5)~~ is designed as a leg spring.

6. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 4, characterized in that~~ wherein the spring ~~(5)~~ is designed as ~~a spiral spring, in particular as~~ a flat spiral spring.

7. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 6, characterized in that the clamping element (3) has, for moving the latching element (2),~~ further comprising a control contour ~~(3a)~~ for interacting with a corresponding control contour ~~(2a)~~ of the latching element ~~(2)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 7, characterized in that~~ wherein the first fitting part ~~(1)~~, the latching element ~~(2)~~, the clamping element ~~(3)~~ and/~~or~~ the toothed element ~~(4)~~ ~~have~~ each have a fastening ~~openings~~ opening ~~(O1, O2, O3, O4)~~ arranged ~~in particular~~ concentrically about their respective pivot axes (X1, X2, X3, X4).

9. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 8, characterized in that~~ wherein the toothing ~~(3b)~~ of the clamping element ~~(3)~~ and the mating toothing ~~(4a)~~ of the toothed element ~~(4)~~ are each an external ~~toothings~~ toothing ~~designed at least in the manner of segments~~ segment.

10. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 9, characterized in that~~ wherein the latching element ~~(2),~~ the clamping element ~~(3)~~ and the toothed element ~~(4)~~ are fastened to a second fitting part ~~(6)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the toothed element ~~(4) is composed of~~ comprises an outer ring ~~(4b)~~ and an inner ring ~~(4c)~~ which are braced against each other by the spring ~~(5)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring ~~(5)~~ is arranged concentrically with and between the outer ring ~~(4b)~~ and the inner ring ~~(4c) and between the outer ring (4b) and the inner ring (4c)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 12, characterized in that the~~ further comprising an adjusting means for moving the clamping ~~element~~ element, ~~(3) are formed from~~ comprising at least one transmission rod which acts on the clamping element ~~(3)~~ and~~/or~~ on the toothed element ~~(4) and in particular engages axially in the respective fastening opening (O3, O4) thereof~~.

14. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 13, characterized in that~~ wherein the spring ~~(5)~~ has ~~a rising, in particular~~ a linearly rising, force/travel characteristic.

15. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 8 ~~to 14, characterized in that~~ wherein a respective fine toothing (F3, F4) is provided around the periphery of the fastening openings (O3, O4) of clamping element ~~(3)~~ and/or toothed element ~~(4)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 15, characterized in that~~ wherein a molded part ~~(7) which can be inserted~~ for insertion into the clamping element ~~(3) and/or toothed element (4), in particular can be pressed into the fastening openings (O3, O4) of clamping element (3) and/or toothed element (4) and~~ is ~~intended~~ configured for receiving one end of a transmission rod ~~used as the adjusting means~~, the molded part ~~(7)~~ being ~~of~~ a bushing ~~like design~~ and having a profiled inner contour ~~(K7)~~ in its fastening opening ~~(O7)~~.